



“IT’S NEVER TOO LATE”

# THE FAITH OF SAMSON

Hebrews 11:32

Judges 13-16

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# Background

**Judges 13:1** Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

**Judges 13:2** Now (aprox. 1069-1049 B.C.) there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children.

# SAMSON'S PARENTS

## A. Mother (13:2-10)

1. Strengthened in birth (3)
2. Sanctified to God (4)
3. Submissive to her husband (9, 10)  
So the woman came and told her husband . . .

# SAMSON'S PARENTS

## A. Mother (13:2-10)

And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, “Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son.

Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean.

# SAMSON'S PARENTS

## B. Manoah (13:11-25)

1. Humble and prayer (8, 12)

2. Honored the Lord

- Sought His fellowship (15, 16)
- Sought His name (17)
- Sacrificed unto Him (19-22)

3. Holy in the Lord's sight (20b-23)

# SAMSON'S PARENTS

## B. Manoah (13:11-25)

Then Manoah prayed to the LORD, and said, “O my Lord, please let the Man of God whom You sent come to us again and teach us what we shall do for the child who will be born.”

Manoah said, “Now let Your words come to pass! What will be the boy’s rule of life, and his work?”

# Judges 13:20–23

... as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar—the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw *this*, they fell on their faces to the ground. <sup>21</sup> When the Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He *was* the Angel of the LORD. <sup>22</sup> And Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, because we have seen God!” <sup>23</sup> But his wife said to him, “If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have shown us all these *things*, nor would He have told us *such things* as these at this time.”

# SAMSON'S PURPOSE (13:5)

## A. To Be: “A Nazarite” (Numbers 6:1-21)

Nazarite = "one who is separated"

- abstain from wine
- avoid touching the dead
- allow hair to grow without cutting



# SAMSON'S PURPOSE (13:5)

## A. To Be: “A Nazarite” (Numbers 6:1-21)

2 Cor 6:17-18 “Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

# SAMSON'S PURPOSE (13:5)

A. To Be: “A Nazarite” (Numbers 6:1-21)

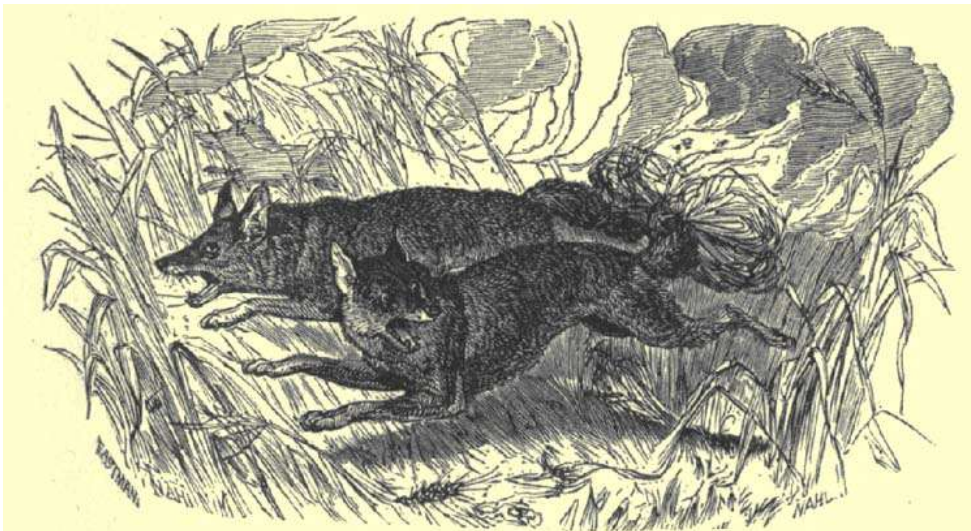
B. To Do: “Deliver”

“... and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.”

# SAMSON'S POWER

## A. Against Bees & Beasts (14:5, 6; 15:4)

- young lion
- swarm of bees
- 300 foxes



“And Samson went and caught three hundred Foxes and took fire-brands and turned tail to tail and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails, and let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines.” Page 250.

Samson killing the young lion.

# SAMSON'S POWER

## B. Against Brute Men

- 30 men of Ashkelon (14:15-19)
- 1000 Philistines (15:9-20)



# The Source of Samson's Strength

**Judges 13:24, 25** So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. And the Spirit of the LORD began to move upon him at the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

**Judges 14:6** And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

# The Source of Samson's Strength

**Judges 16:20** And she said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” So he awoke from his sleep, and said, “I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!” But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.

# SAMSON'S PROBLEM

## A. Lack Submission to his Parents (14:1-9)

<sup>1</sup> Now Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines. <sup>2</sup> So he went up and told his father and mother, saying, “I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife.”

# SAMSON'S PROBLEM

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<sup>3</sup> Then his father and mother said to him, “Is there no woman among the daughters of your brethren, or among all my people, that you must go and get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” And Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, for she pleases me well.”



# SAMSON'S PROBLEM

## A. Lack Submission to his Parents (14:1-9)



# SAMSON'S PROBLEM

## B. Lacked Sanctification To God (14:2-4, 11; 16:1)

- **Personally:**
  - (1) “Samson went down to Timnah...”
  - (8) “the carcass”
  - (10) “the wine” – feast
- **Publicly:**
  - (11) Companions... “The children of my people”

# SAMSON'S PROBLEM

**C. Lacked seriousness with God & man (14:13,14; 16:6-17)**

**D. Lacked strength (16:19-21)**

**Judges 14:13-14** But if you cannot explain it to me, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing.” And they said to him, “Pose your riddle, that we may hear it.”<sup>14</sup> So he said to them: “Out of the eater came something to eat, And out of the strong came something sweet.” Now for three days they could not explain the riddle.

# SAMSON'S PROBLEM

- C. Lacked seriousness with God & man (14:13,14; 16:6-17)
- D. Lacked strength (16:19-21)

**Judges 16:21** Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison.

# SAMSON'S PROBLEM





# SAMSON'S PRAYER

**Judges 16:22** However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaven.

## A. “remember me” (16:28a)

Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, “O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray!”

## B. “strengthen me” (16:28b)

Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!”





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